

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a body including a body planar front surface and an outer rim extending around the body planar front surface, the outer rim including oppositely facing side rails arranged to lie in spaced-apart relation to one another to define a width of the lower back section, and

a headrest coupled to the oppositely facing side rails included in the outer rim of the lower back section to extend across the entire width of the lower back section for up-and-down movement relative to the base and the lower back section, the headrest including a headrest planar front surface, wherein the headrest is positioned forward of the body planar front surface of the lower back section, and further wherein an offset distance between the body planar front surface of the lower back section and the headrest planar front surface is less than approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm) in order to provide a smooth and continuous back rest surface for the juvenile seated therein.

2. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 1, wherein the offset distance is approximately 0.120 inch (3.05 mm).

3. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 1, wherein the headrest further includes a planar rear surface engaged with the body planar front surface of the lower back section.

4. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 3, wherein the headrest planar front surface and the body planar front surface cooperate to define a seat back of the juvenile seat adapted to support a juvenile's back thereon.

5. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 3, wherein the headrest further includes a back plate formed to define the headrest planar front surface, a top wall coupled to the back plate, and first and second side walls each coupled to the back plate and the top wall, and wherein a rear planar surface of the back plate, the top wall, and the first and second side walls of the headrest cooperate to define an area formed to receive a portion of the lower back section therein.

6. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 5, wherein the lower back section includes a planar wall formed to define the body planar front surface, and a top wall included in the outer rim and coupled to the planar wall, wherein each of the first and second side rails are coupled to the top wall and the planar wall, and wherein the first and second side rails of the outer rim of the lower back section are positioned between the first and second side walls of the headrest.

7. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 5, further comprising a height-adjustment mechanism formed to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base relative to the lower back section and including an actuator movable between a locked position to prevent the headrest from moving relative to the lower back section and an unlocked position to permit the headrest to move relative to the lower back section, and wherein the actuator is coupled to one of the first and second side walls of the headrest.

8. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 1, further comprising alignment means for maintaining alignment between the headrest and the lower back section as the headrest is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the lower back section.

9. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a body planar front surface,
a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up and down movement relative to the base and the lower back section, the headrest including a headrest planar front surface, wherein the headrest is positioned forward of the body planar front surface of the lower back section, and further wherein an offset distance between the planar front surface of the lower back section and the headrest planar front surface is less than approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm) in order to provide a smooth and continuous back rest surface for the juvenile seated therein, and

alignment means for maintaining alignment between the headrest and the lower back section as the headrest is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the lower back section, wherein the headrest further includes a back plate formed to define the headrest planar front surface and first and second side walls each coupled to the back plate and the lower back section includes a planar wall formed to define the body planar front surface and first and second side rails each coupled the planar wall, and wherein the alignment means includes a flange coupled to one of the first and second side walls of the headrest to provide a slot between the one of the first and second side walls and the flange such that one of the respective first and second side rails of the lower back section is received within the slot.

10. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 9, wherein the flange is a first flange coupled to the first side wall of the headrest and the alignment means includes a second flange coupled to the second side wall of the headrest to provide a second slot between the second side wall and the second flange to receive a portion of the second side rail of the lower back section therein.

11. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 9, wherein the flange is a first flange coupled to the first side wall of the headrest and the alignment means includes a second flange coupled to the first side wall of the headrest and positioned in spaced-apart relation to the first flange to provide a second slot between the first side wall and the second flange to receive a portion of the first side rail of the lower back section therein.

12. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a body planar front surface,
a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up and down movement relative to the base and the lower back section, the headrest including a headrest planar front surface, wherein the headrest is positioned forward of the body planar front surface of the lower back section, and further wherein an offset distance between the body planar front surface of the lower back section and the headrest planar front surface is less than approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm) in order to provide a smooth and continuous back rest surface for the juvenile seated therein, and

alignment means for maintaining alignment between the headrest and the lower back section as the headrest is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the lower back section, wherein the alignment means includes a first flange coupled to the first side wall of the headrest to define a first slot between the first flange and the first side wall, a second flange coupled to the first side wall of the headrest to define a second slot between the second flange and the first side wall, a third flange coupled to the second side wall of the headrest to define a third slot between the third flange and the second side wall, and a fourth flange coupled to the second side wall of the headrest to define a fourth slot between the fourth flange and the second side wall, and wherein the first side rail of the lower back section is received within the first and second slots and the second side rail of the lower back section is received within third and fourth slots.

13. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 1, wherein the headrest includes a first side wall and a second side wall spaced-apart from the first side wall and the lower back section includes a first side rail and a second side rail, and wherein the first side wall of the headrest and the first side rail of the lower back section are slidably engaged with each other and the second side wall of the headrest and the second side rail of the lower back section are slidably engaged with each other.

14. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 13, further comprising a height-adjustment mechanism for adjusting a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion including a first actuator coupled to the first side wall of the headrest and a second actuator coupled to the second side wall of the headrest to provide for side operation of the height-adjustment mechanism.

15. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 14, wherein the height-adjustment mechanism further includes a plurality of vertically-spaced slots provided in the first and second side rails of the lower back section and a height-adjustment bar coupled to each of the first and second actuators and biased to be received within one or more of the vertically-spaced slots, and wherein the first and second actuators are each coupled to one of the height-adjustment bars to move the respective height-adjustment bar from a locked position received within the vertically-spaced slots to an unlocked position disengaged from the vertically-spaced slots.

16. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 1, further comprising an anti-backout mechanism coupled to the headrest to limit a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base.

17. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 16, wherein the anti-backout mechanism includes a stopper coupled to a side wall of the headrest to engage a top wall of the lower back section.

18. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a body planar front surface,
a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up and down movement relative to the base and the lower back section, the headrest including a headrest planar front surface, wherein the headrest is positioned forward of the body planar front surface of the lower back section, and further wherein an offset distance between the body planar front surface of the lower back section and the headrest planar front surface is less than approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm) in order to provide a smooth and continuous back rest surface for the juvenile seated therein, and

an anti-backout mechanism coupled to the headrest to limit a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base, wherein the anti-backout mechanism includes a stopper coupled to a side wall of the headrest to engage a top wall of the lower back section and wherein the stopper is a tab positioned at an angle relative to a vertical axis along the side wall, and wherein the tab is movable between an opened, angled position engageable with the top wall of the lower back section and a closed, vertical position adjacent with the side wall of the headrest to pass through a notch formed in the lower back section.

19. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 18, wherein the anti-backout mechanism further includes a flange coupled to the side wall of the headrest, and wherein the flange is formed to define a channel for receiving a portion of a side rail of the lower back section therein, and wherein the stopper is coupled to the flange.

20. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 17, wherein the stopper of the anti-backout mechanism is a first stopper coupled to a first side wall of the headrest and the anti-backout mechanism includes a second stopper coupled to a second side wall of the headrest to engage the top wall of the lower back section.

21. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 16, further including a height-adjustment mechanism arranged to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base and wherein the anti-backout mechanism is positioned above the height-adjustment mechanism.

22. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a body planar front surface, and
a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up and down movement relative to the base and the lower back section, the headrest including a headrest planar front surface, wherein the headrest is positioned forward of the body planar front surface of the lower back section, and further wherein an offset distance between the body planar front surface of the lower back section and the headrest planar front surface is less than approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm) in order to provide a smooth and continuous back rest surface for the juvenile seated therein, wherein the base includes first and second armrest mounts, the lower back section includes first and second armrest shells each formed to define a cavity therein, and wherein the cavity of each of the first and second armrest shells receives one of the first and second armrest mounts of the base therein in order to couple the lower back section to the base.

23. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 22, wherein the base includes first and second side walls each forming one of the armrest mounts and each forming a notch therein adapted to receive a portion of a vehicle seat belt therethrough, and wherein each notch is formed between a front portion of each side wall and the armrest mount of each side wall.

24. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 23, wherein each armrest mount of the base is coupled to a rearward portion of the bottom seat portion of the base.

25. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 22, wherein each armrest mount of the base and each corresponding armrest shell of the lower back section cooperate to define an armrest of the juvenile seat.

26. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 22, wherein the base includes at least one aperture located between the armrest mounts and the lower back section includes at least one aperture located between the armrest shells to be aligned with the at least one aperture of the base, and wherein the at least one aperture of the base and the lower back section are formed to receive a fastener therein to couple the lower back section to the base.

27. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 22, wherein the first and second armrest shells each include a top wall, a first side wall coupled to the top wall, a second side wall coupled to the top wall and spaced-apart from the first side wall, and an end wall coupled to the top wall and the first and second side walls, and the top wall, end wall, and first and second side walls cooperate to define the cavity formed to receive the portion of the respective first and second side walls of the base therein.

28. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 22, wherein the lower back section further includes first and second side rails coupled to the planar body and wherein the first armrest shell is coupled to the first side rail of the planar body and the second armrest shell is coupled to the second side rail of the planar body.

29. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 28, further including a height-adjustment mechanism for raising and lowering a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion including vertically-spaced slots provided in the first and second side rails of the lower back section and a height-adjustment bar movable between a locked position received within at least one of the vertically-spaced slots to prevent movement of the headrest relative to the base and the lower back section and an unlocked position disengaged from the vertically-spaced slots to permit movement of the headrest relative to the base and the lower back section.

30-36. *(Cancelled)*

37-39. *(Cancelled)*

40. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion,
a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up-and-down movement relative to the base and the lower back section to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base, and

an anti-backout tab coupled to the headrest and movable about an axis between a first position arranged to engage a portion of the lower back section to block removal of the headrest from the lower back section and a second position arranged to disengage the portion of the lower back section to allow removal of the headrest from the lower back section.

41. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 40, wherein the anti-backout mechanism includes a stopper coupled to a side wall of the headrest to engage a top wall of the lower back section.

42. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 41, wherein the stopper is a tab positioned at an angle relative to a vertical axis along the side wall.

43. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion,

a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up-and-down movement relative to the base and the lower back section to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base, and

an anti-backout mechanism coupled to the headrest to limit the height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base, wherein the anti-backout mechanism includes a stopper coupled to a side wall of the headrest to engage a top wall of the lower back section, wherein the stopper is a tab positioned at an angle relative to a vertical axis along the side wall, and wherein the tab is arranged to move between an opened, angled position engageable with the top wall of the lower back section and a closed, vertical position adjacent with the side wall of the headrest to pass through a notch formed in the lower back section.

44. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion,

a headrest coupled to the lower back section for up-and-down movement relative to the base and the lower back section to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base, and

an anti-backout mechanism coupled to the headrest to limit the height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base, wherein the anti-backout mechanism includes a stopper coupled to a side wall of the headrest to engage a top wall of the lower back section, wherein the stopper is a tab positioned at an angle relative to a vertical axis along the side wall, and wherein the anti-backout mechanism further includes a flange coupled to the side wall of the headrest, the flange is formed to define a channel for receiving a portion of a side rail of the lower back section therein, and the stopper is coupled to the flange.

45. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 40, further comprising a height-adjustment mechanism arranged to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion and wherein the anti-backout mechanism is positioned above the height-adjustment mechanism.

46. *(Cancelled)*.

47. *(Cancelled)*

48. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion and first and second side walls coupled to the bottom seat portion and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other and
a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a planar body and first and second armrest shells coupled to the planar body and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other, each of the first and second armrest shells being formed to define a cavity formed to receive an armrest mount of a respective first and second side wall of the base therein, wherein the first and second side walls of the base each include a notch adapted to receive a portion of a vehicle seat belt therethrough, each notch is arranged to define a front portion and a rear portion of each side wall, and the rear portion of each side wall is the armrest mount of each side wall such that the rear portion of the first side wall is received within the cavity of the first armrest shell of the lower back section and the rear portion of the second side wall is received within the cavity of the second armrest shell of the lower back section.

49. *(Original)* The juvenile seat of claim 48, wherein the armrest of the first side wall of the base and the first armrest shell cooperate to define a first armrest of the juvenile seat and wherein the armrest mount of the second side wall of the base and the second armrest shell cooperate to define a second armrest of the juvenile seat.

50. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising

a base including a bottom seat portion and first and second side walls coupled to the bottom seat portion and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other and

a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a planar body and first and second armrest shells coupled to the planar body and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other, each of the first and second armrest shells being formed to define a cavity formed to receive an armrest mount of a respective first and second side wall of the base therein, wherein the first and second armrest shells each include a top wall, a first side wall coupled to the top wall, a second side wall coupled to the top wall and spaced-apart from the first side wall, and an end wall coupled to the top wall and the first and second side walls, the top wall, end wall, and first and second side walls cooperating to define the cavity formed to receive the armrest mount of the respective first and second side walls of the base therein.

51. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The juvenile seat of claim 47,~~ A juvenile seat comprising

a base including a bottom seat portion and first and second side walls coupled to the bottom seat portion and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other and

a lower back section removably coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a planar body and first and second armrest shells coupled to the planar body and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other, each of the first and second armrest shells being formed to define a nesting cavity formed to receive an armrest support of a respective first and second side wall of the base in nesting relation therein

wherein the lower back section further includes first and second side rails coupled to the planar body and wherein the first armrest shell is coupled to the first side rail of the lower back section and the second armrest shell is coupled to the second side rail of the lower back section.

52. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising

a base including a bottom seat portion and first and second side walls coupled to the bottom seat portion and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other and

a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a planar body and first and second armrest shells coupled to the planar body and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other, each of the first and second armrest shells being formed to define a cavity formed to receive an armrest mount of a respective first and second side wall of the base therein, wherein the lower back section further includes first and second side rails coupled to the planar body and wherein the first armrest shell is coupled to the first side rail of the lower back section and the second armrest shell is coupled to the second side rail of the lower back section, further comprising a height-adjustment mechanism to adjust a height of the headrest above the bottom seat portion of the base and wherein the height-adjustment mechanism includes a first actuator coupled to the first side rail of the lower back section and a second actuator coupled to the second side rail of the lower back section, and the first and second actuators are movable between a locked position to prevent the headrest from moving up and down relative to the base and the lower back section and an unlocked position to permit the headrest to move up and down relative to the base.

53. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising

a base including a bottom seat portion and first and second side walls coupled to the bottom seat portion and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other and

a lower back section coupled to the base and positioned to lie at an angle relative to the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including a planar body and first and second armrest shells coupled to the planar body and positioned in spaced-apart relation to each other, each of the first and second armrest shells being formed to define a cavity formed to receive an armrest mount of a respective first and second side wall of the base therein, wherein the base includes an aperture formed in the bottom seat portion and positioned between the first and second side walls of the base and the lower back section includes an aperture formed in the planar body, and wherein the aperture of the planar body is aligned with the aperture of the base and each aperture is adapted to receive a fastener therein to couple the lower back section to the base.

54. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising
a base including a bottom seat portion,
a seat back including an outer rim defining a top edge of the seat back and a
forwardly facing surface extending downwardly from the top edge toward the bottom seat
portion,

a headrest including a rearwardly facing surface lying in opposing relation to the
forwardly facing surface of the seat back, the headrest being mounted for up-and-down
movement on the seat back toward and away from the bottom seat portion, and

a height-adjustment mechanism located outside of a space provided between the
forwardly facing surface of the seat back and the rearwardly facing surface of the headrest and
arranged to move between a locked position to prevent movement of the headrest relative to the
seat back and an unlocked position to permit up-and-down movement of the headrest relative to
the seat back.

55. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 54, wherein the
rearwardly facing surface of the headrest faces in a first direction, the headrest further includes a
forwardly facing surface facing in a second direction opposite to the first direction, and an offset
distance between the forwardly facing surfaces of the seat back and headrest is less than
approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm).

56. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 55, wherein the offset
distance is approximately 0.120 inch (3.05 mm).

57. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 54, further comprising an
anti-backout mechanism coupled to the headrest to block removal of the headrest from the seat
back and arranged to lie outside of the space provided between the forwardly facing surface of
the seat back and the rearwardly facing surface of the headrest.

58. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 54, the forwardly facing
surface of the seat back has a width and the rearwardly facing surface of the headrest is
configured to extend across the entire width of the forwardly facing surface of the seat back.

59. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 58, wherein the rearwardly facing surface of the headrest faces in a first direction, the headrest further includes a forwardly facing surface facing in a second direction opposite to the first direction, and an offset distance between the forwardly facing surfaces of the seat back and headrest is less than approximately 0.375 inch (9.53 mm).

60. *(Previously Presented)* A juvenile seat comprising a base including a bottom seat portion and a seat back extending upwardly from the base, the seat back including a lower back section coupled to the base and an upper back section mounted for up-and-down movement on the lower back section toward and away from the bottom seat portion, the lower back section including an upwardly extending first side rail facing in a first direction, an upwardly extending second side rail facing in a second direction that is opposite to the first direction, and an upwardly extending front wall extending from the first side rail to the second side rail to define a width of the lower back section, the upper back section including an upwardly extending front wall extending across the entire width of the lower back section, the front wall of the upper back section having a rearwardly facing surface lying in opposing relation to a forwardly facing surface of the front wall of the lower back section and a forwardly facing surface facing away from the lower back section and lying in a position to cause an offset distance between the forwardly facing surfaces of the upper and lower back sections to be less than approximately 0.375 inch (0.53 mm).

61. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 60, wherein the upper back section further includes upwardly extending first and second side walls coupled to the upwardly extending front wall of the upper back section and arranged to lie in spaced-apart relation to one another to locate the upwardly extending front wall of the upper back section therebetween and to locate the upwardly extending first and second side walls of the lower back section therebetween.

62. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 61, wherein the upper back section further includes a rearwardly extending top wall that cooperates with rearwardly extending portions of the first and second side walls to define a rearwardly facing cavity defining a lower back section receiving area receiving an upper mating portion of the lower back section

therein such that the first and second side rails of the lower back section are positioned between and lie adjacent to the respective first and second side walls of the upper back section.

63. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 61, further comprising a height-adjustment mechanism comprising a series of notches formed in the first and second side rails of the lower back section, a height-adjustment bar arranged to extend laterally across the width of the lower back section and to fit into the notches formed in the first and second side rails, and actuator means for moving the height-adjustment bar toward the front wall of the lower back section to mate with one notch formed in each of the first and second side rails to establish a selected elevated height of the upper back section relative to the bottom seat portion of the base.

64. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 63, wherein the actuator means includes a first actuator coupled to the first side wall of the upper back section and to the height-adjustment bar and a second actuator coupled to the second side wall of the upper back section and to the height-adjustment bar.

65. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 60, wherein the base further includes first and second armrest shell supports arranged to lie in spaced-apart relation to one another to locate the bottom seat portion therebetween, the lower back section further includes a first armrest shell arranged to extend forwardly away from the front wall of the lower back section and formed to define a second nesting cavity receiving a portion of the second armrest shell support therein, the first armrest shell mates with the underlying first armrest shell support to define a first armrest, and the second armrest shell mates with the underlying second armrest shell support to define a second armrest.

66. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 65, wherein the first armrest shell is coupled to the first side rail and the second armrest shell is coupled to the second side rail.

67. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 60, further comprising anti-backout means for selectively blocking removal of the upper back section from the lower back section.

68. *(Previously Presented)* The juvenile seat of claim 67, wherein the anti-backout means includes a first tab support coupled to the first side wall of the upper back section and formed to include a channel receiving a portion of the first side rail therein during up-and-down movement of the upper back section relative to the lower back section to mate and align the lower back section to the upper back section during relative movement of the upper and lower back sections to provide for the offset distance and the anti-backout means further includes a first tab coupled to the first tab support for movement between a removal-allowing position located a first distance from the first side wall of the upper back section and arranged to pass through a notch formed in a retention flange included in the lower back section to allow removal of the upper back section from the lower back section and a removal-blocking position located a greater second distance from the first side wall of the upper back section and arranged to engage the retention flange to block removal of the upper back section from the lower back section.